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Treasure Island is Truly Golden!

Audience Strikes Gold with *Treasure Island*!

By Werner Bradshaw

January 27, 2011 was opening night for the Junior School's performance of *Treasure Island*. This play is based on the book *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson and was directed by Dr. Rick Seay. Some of you may have already read the book *Treasure Island*, but this next part is for those who haven't yet read the book. *Treasure Island* is based in the year 1750. Jim Hawkins is a young boy

who is living with his mom. When Jim recovers a map leading him to treasure, he rounds up a doctor and a squire to help him find the treasure. When Long John Silver

is brought in as the captain of the ship that will lead Jim Hawkins to the treasure, all goes wrong. In the Junior School's production of *Treasure Island*, this plot is followed almost dead on with the book. While it is hard to fit a 200+ page book



Michael Milam and Jess Darnell



into an hour production, MBA's Junior School did it. All of the actors did a fabulous job, and Michael Milam and Jess Darnell could not have been better. Michael played Jim Hawkins

while Jess played Long John Silver. Other cast members included Ms. Catharine Hollifield as Mrs. Hawkins, Wren McFadden as Billy Bones, Christian Williams as Dogger, Henry Moxley as Blind Pew, Daniel Maynard as Dirk, Lawrence Rogers as Black Dog, Henry Rogers as Doctor Livesey, Neal Hawkins as Squire Trelawney, Wes Richardson as Johnny, Joe Noser as Morgan, Kendal Frantz as Job Anderson, and Drew Gordon as Ben Gunn. From the audience's perspective, it was a flawless performance. Also, all of the actors had great voices that really seemed like the voices of pirates from the 18th century. The Junior School did an amazing job in producing this play, and there are very few changes that could have made the play better.

Treasure Island

Pirates, Gore, and Alcoholic References: Inside *Treasure Island*

By Henry Rogers

On January 27th, 28th, and 29th, the MBA Theater and the director, Dr. Seay, put on the show *Treasure Island*, from the novel written by Robert Louis Stevenson. This play was performed by a cast consisting of only junior school boys. The play is mainly to interest a Junior Schooler into participating in more theatrical productions. Dr. Seay coaches the actors to learn different basic theater lessons like voice volume, inflection, and stage position. I personally think that we had a great group of talented actors. The seventh-

grade actors this year were very talented as well, and I think that they have great potential in their future theater endeavors.

One of the most notable and visually interesting parts of the play was the amazing set. We owe this set to Mr. Colson, who stayed up many a night perfecting the giant box. The only set piece was a giant treasure chest that opened up into different scenes of the play. Our set hands and light crew were the unsung heroes of the play. We had set-hands that were dressed as pirates to rotate the chest after every black-out or scene change, and they did a great job, so props to them! Another crucial part of the play was the tech and lights crew, headed by Seth Cook. They also had a huge part in the play and were not noted for it.

One predominant question from the audience members was: "How did Jess Darnell, or Long John Silver, have no leg?" Jess had his ankle tied to his thigh with a belt very tightly, but I still cannot figure out how he walked on a crutch for that long with his leg uncomfortably compressed against the back of his thigh. The world may never know.

Other questions focused on the set and props. Mrs. Hollifield



Ms. Hollifield steals the show during the death scene of Billy Bones.

was up until 5:30 A.M. painting the set (bless her heart), and she stayed sleep-deprived throughout the show's run; however, lack of sleep did not keep her from getting more laughs out of the crowd than any other cast member. What would we do without her?

Oh yeah, and to answer another question, WES WAS NOT DRINKING REAL ALCHOL. It was water!

Some people noticed that there were no girls in this play. As mean as it may sound, I think that this is why *Treasure Island*, was so much better than other performances. Girls are kind of a distraction, and they make 7th and 8th grade boys self-conscious about acting, and most of all singing and dancing. Some boys only joined the play to be with girls. I'm not going to say any names, *cough,* but you know who you are. Overall, I thought that this production was a step up from the previous Junior School plays, and I think that the perfect accents and air of the pirates may have brought more spectators, too. I enjoyed being a part of this play, and I cannot wait to see what the seventh-graders come up with next year.



Neal Hawkins, Jess Darnell, Michael Milam, and Henry Rogers

Treasure Island



*The squire, Jim Hawkins, and the doctor
contemplate treasure.*



*Blind Pew (Henry Moxley) dies from his own bullet.
Who would give a blind man a gun?!*



Wren McFadden as Billy Bones



*Long John Silver and Johnny (Wes Richardson)
are up to no good.*



Jess Darnell as Long John Silver



*Jim Hawkins fears for his life as the pirates
prepare him for the plank!*

Treasure Island



The mutinous crew look greedily at the treasure map.



LAND HO!!!!



Long John Silver and Jim plot to stay alive.



Drew Gordon as Ben Gunn



This photo is courtesy of Mrs. Faye Maynard

ON THE HILL

The Geography Bee

By John Triplett

The Geography Bee of 2011 was crazy and contained many unusual questions and weird topics. Among the participants were Diego Martinez, Akeim George, Michael Milam, Thomas Marosz, William Richardson, Aaron Kaplan, Kang Huh, Steve Wood, Luke Cianciolo, Tony Ding, Richard Thornton, Jacob Lothers, Jack Soday, Alec Whitson, Nick Dreher, David Gaw, and me, John Triplett.

The bee consisted of three sets of questions: the seven-round preliminary questions, the tiebreaker, the finals, and the championship round. In the opening rounds, contestants were asked oral questions in which they were given fifteen seconds to decide between two answers. They could also ask for a repeat of the question. After these rounds, ten people total were selected to advance. However, a tiebreaker was necessary to fill the remaining two spots. The tiebreaker questions were treated like the final, where one question was asked, and the answers had to be written on paper. After the tiebreaker, the contestants in the finals were Michael Milam, Kang Huh, William Richardson, Jack Soday, Richard Thornton, Aaron Kaplan, Akeim George, Tony Ding, and Luke Cianciolo.

In the finals, contestants were either given a common question which they had to write on a sheet of paper with no answer choices given or a



Akeim George, the 2011 Geography Bee Winner

personal question in which no choices were given. After the grueling final round, eight students were eliminated, and the two competitors left were Richard Thornton and Akeim George. After three tough questions such as, “*Tet, a holiday celebrated in the nation west of the Gulf of Tonkin. What is this nation?*”

However, it did not end there. Both Akeim and Richard each got one

question, so they were forced to go to the sudden death stage. However, the one who came out on top was Akeim George. Overall, the topics of the questions included those about the state coins, physical geography of the United States, rivers and lakes of the United States, and many more.

A few more examples of the questions were these:

- “*What is the southernmost and biggest U.S. territory?*”

- “*In what small Northern African country are both French and Arabic spoken?*”

- “*In which western state can you hike the red rocks of Sedona and jagged Mogollon?*”

I congratulate Akeim on his success as the winner of the Geography Bee. I also encourage the seventh graders to participate next year because it is a great way to get an award and have fun.

READY TO PERFORM!

April is National Poetry Month and Time for the Annual Junior School Poetry Competition

Entry level performance competitions begin in each English class in April with winners from each class moving on to the main competition in Massey Commons on Tuesday, April 19th. The Seventh-grade winner will faceoff against the Eighth-grade winner on Wednesday, April 27th.

Prizes are awarded to each grade level winner. Contact your English teacher or Mrs. Roberts for more information.

ON THE HILL



Junior School Has Spelling Bee Fever

By Jack Litchfield

Spelling Bee tryouts for MBA's seventh and eighth grade began not long after the beginning of the second semester, and many eager students flocked to Ms. Vaughan's room for the chance to beat out their fellow classmates. These Junior Schoolers sacrificed their break for a chance at winning, but only one representative from each grade would move on. Difficult words such as "rutabaga," a turnip-like root vegetable, and "ineffable," meaning too great to be able to described in words, spelled the end of many students' run in the tryouts; however, two students emerged winners. Michael Milam from the eighth grade and I, Jack Litchfield, from the seventh grade were able to survive the bee. We will move on to the Davidson County Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 17th, at Trevecca Nazarene University and will hopefully move on from

there, looking to out-spell last year's champion from Davidson Academy. In the meantime, MBA's two representatives have been studying hard with Ms. Vaughan even though performance in a spelling bee like this normally depends on "the luck of the draw" with words. Also, keep your eye out for the Scripps National Spelling Bee on ESPN in June, which is always interesting. Last year's winner won

by correctly spelling "stromuhr," an instrument for measuring the velocity of the blood flow. Wish us luck at the bee and hopefully we will be able to bring home some hardware for the Junior School!



Spelling Bee Winners Jack Litchfield and Michael Milam

CREATIVE WRITING CONTESTS: WIN MONEY!

Jesse Hill Ford Short Story Contest

Who: 7th and 8th graders

What: Short story composed during the current school year.

Length: 3-8 pages, double-spaced

Prize: The best short story wins \$150!

Due: Wed., April 6

Turn in a printed copy and also e-mail a copy to Ms. Vaughan (8th) or Mrs. Roberts (7th).

The Rascoe Bond Davis Creative Writing Contest

Categories: Poetry and Fiction

Prizes in both categories: 1st \$50

2nd \$35

3rd \$10

Turn in a printed copy and also e-mail a copy to Ms. Vaughan (8th) or Mrs. Roberts (7th).

Junior School Entries Due by Wed., April 6.

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Interview with Stephen Briganti

By William Richardson and Matt Miccioli

Stephen Briganti, the president and CEO of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, recently spoke at an MBA assembly on January 19th. He is overseeing the planning/construction to build the largest museum in the world containing immigration history of America's population. Matt Miccioli and William Richardson conducted a brief interview with Mr. Briganti. Because of time constraints with the interview, this article is concise, but informative.

TOH: What attracted you to the Ellis Island Foundation?

SB: I read about President Reagan trying to find a business man to create a private corporation with a goal of raising the money to restore Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. I accepted the challenge in order to save the two national monuments.

TOH: How many monarchs/people of royalty have you met through this project?

SB: I have met Prince Charles and Princess Diana of England, the former President of France, François Mitterand, and the King and Queen of Sweden. I have also met every President from Ronald Reagan to George W. Bush, but I have not met Barack Obama.

TOH: What are some future plans for the museum and facilities?

SB: The museum now tells the story of Ellis Island's immigration history. My plan is to have the museum tell the entire story of American immigration, outside of Ellis Island; e.g., the Native Americans crossing the Bering Strait. It will be housed in an adjacent facility.

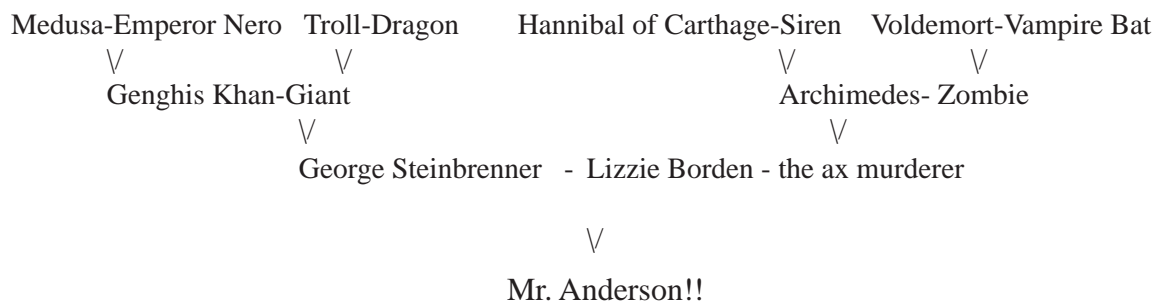
TOH: Do you see yourself working on other American History projects?

SB: I have done other consulting work on the WWII memorial, the 50th anniversary of D-Day, and the Motown Museum. If another opportunity arises, I could potentially be involved with it, after this project is over.

Mr. Briganti's work with immigration is very important to the history and tradition of the country. In a world with so much change, people need a concrete, stable outline of where they came from. This stability is found in the study of ancestry. More information about finding your geneology can be found on the Ellis Island website.

Despite several attempts the writers were unable to get a complete geneology of a teacher, so here is the most complete geneology they were able to uncover.

Genealogy of Our Beloved Mr. Anderson



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The Sudanese Election Day

By Henry Rogers

Between January 9th-15th, all the Sudanese around the general area of Nashville voted for the freedom of their close friends and family in Sudan. After more than twenty years of civil war, the Southern Sudan has taken a stand and held a vote for all the Sudanese so that South Sudan can break apart from North Sudan. The Northern part of Sudan

We strolled over to see what was going on. Despite the frigid temperatures well below freezing plus bone-chilling winds, these Sudanese people were smiling their big smiles, laughing, and maybe even doing a little celebration dancing. We began to converse with some of the voters. It turns out people from Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, and other southern states came all the way to Nashville to vote

for the freedom of their relatives in Sudan. We even met one man who drove from Miami, Florida, just to wait in a very cold, windy line to place one vote. When a Sudanese person votes, he must dip his index finger

in purple dye in order to signify that that person has already voted. A person would come out of the voting booth with a giant smile and his purple finger held high, and the whole line of people would erupt in a mixture of whooping and laughing. One of the people I met that day was an



A happy voter!

original Lost Boy who was good friends with my parents when he was just coming from the refugee camp. His name is James Kual Makuac. He now is a local painter who paints portraits of African landscapes. He actually had a few pieces in the latest MBA “Lost Boys” art show. Seeing him made me think of the hardships he had to endure as a ten-year-old boy, when he was traveling as one of the Lost Boys. The stories of the Lost Boys and the dedicated voters at the election site reveal what strong people the Sudanese are. When I asked George Mario, a member of the maintenance team about his voting experience, the first thing he did was raise up his index finger as a sign of freedom in Sudan.



Henry (in the foreground) at the polling center

is predominately Muslim, and they constantly, brutally oppress Southern Sudan. Across America there were only eight voting booths, and one of them happened to be in downtown Nashville. There are around 8,000 Sudanese people in Nashville. Most of them are “Lost Boys.” Here at MBA we have a few Sudanese men working on our maintenance staff. My family and I were coming out of church when we saw a large line of people standing out on the sidewalk.



The Nashville Polling Center

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The “Aflockalypse:” Is the World Ending?

By Kang Huh

Sweden. Arkansas. Louisiana. Kentucky. England. Brazil. These are only a few places where animals have mysteriously died, randomly appearing on roads, beaches, and water bodies. At this point, you may be asking yourself, “Is the world ending? Were the Mayans right? Is this the effect of 2012?” Fear not, reader. Scientific evidence is on the way. According to scientists, mass die-offs such as these are not rare, as they have been happening from the dawn of time. However, the cause of these birds’ dying is unknown. Some



these birds out of their wits, causing them all to drop and die as a result. Either way, these so-called “Aflockalypses” are not at all rare, if not frequent. For example, in 1976, 60,000 ducks above the Baltic Sea all died because they sadly confused an oil slick with a body of calm water. Even more perplexing was when frogs started raining out of the sky in Serbia

change in the temperature of sea water. Because of this change, the fish got stressed (yes, even fish get stressed sometimes) and died of the immense stress and inability to cope with the change. Some say that the fish experienced hypothermia and died. Either way, these are just theories that haven’t been proven yet. Overall, these mysteries, when closely observed, are not mysteries at all. They just require some searching around on the web. At the end of the day, I think I’ve answered the main question. Is the world ending? Final answer: no.



scientists have suggested that the animals are dying because the poles are beginning to shift. Of course, we don’t know when the poles are going to shift, but those of us in Earth Science know that it is bound to happen. So, should we be scared? No. Pole shifts are a natural part of nature, and that is something we have to deal with. Some scientists say that fireworks going off during New Year’s celebrations shocked

in 2005. This year, another type of animal began to die. This time, it was the fish in Brazil, Chesapeake Bay, and Florida. You name it. In these places, fish are strewn along coastlines, and birds swirl around them trying to call “first dibs.” Is *this* end of the world? As I have said before, no. However, it isn’t due to the change of the poles either. This time, scientists think that these fish are dying because of the slight



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THE SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Qian

By Chris Byrne

“Spotlight” is a column intended to feature individuals that are not normally in the “spotlight,” but who make a significant impact or contribution either in the classroom, on campus, in the community, or on the playing field.

In this edition we have selected Mrs. Qian. Her personal story is one of determination and perseverance. Her devotion to her students and high expectations bring out the best in those fortunate to have her as a teacher. I asked Mrs. Qian a few questions to get a glimpse at her remarkable story.

CB: Where were you born?

MQ: Shanghai, China

CB: What was it like to live there?

MQ: I had some very good experiences in my childhood. I was happy there most of the time. However, there were some sad experiences, as well.

CB: How old were you when you came to America?

MQ: Over 40

CB: Did you go to school or start working?

MQ: I did not go to school to get a degree, but I took some English



classes.

CB: When did you come to MBA?

MQ: Summer of 1996

CB: What classes do you teach?

MQ: Algebra I Honors, Geometry Honors, and Algebra II Honors

CB: Have you always liked math?

MQ: Yes!

CB: Do you think everyone can be really good at math if they work at it, or do you think that those who are exceptionally good are born that way?

MQ: People are gifted in different ways. Some have gifts in math or football, while others in writing or basketball. However, everyone can improve his or her math skills if he or she works at it. As long as a student makes his best effort, he is an excellent student.

CB: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

MQ: I am glad that I have the opportunity to work with so many

wonderful students. To work with these wonderful young men makes me feel younger myself.

CB: What is Mathcounts and are you the main coach?

MQ: I coach Mathcounts. The MBA Mathcounts team won six state championships and eight city championships.

CB: What are some of your interests outside of school?

MQ: I like going to Nashville Symphony concerts; I enjoy classical music, and I like playing bridge.

Over the past 15 years Mrs. Qian has taught and inspired many MBA students, helping many of them to go on to our nation's top universities. Thank you for your effort and devotion!

The idea for “Spotlight” came from Mr. Coles, the referee who passed away after suffering a fatal heart-related event at the Homecoming football game. Although he was never in the “spotlight,” his role on the sidelines was an important one – keeping the players safe and the game fair. His loss inspired the idea to recognize the contribution of such individuals in a timely fashion. If you would like to nominate someone (student, faculty, staff...) for the next edition of “Spotlight,” please email Chris Byrne at byrnek@montgomerybell.edu

The Story Continues . . .

The Cursed World We Live In Part 3

By Locke Jameson

Dark... why is it so dark? Where am I? Then it all came rushing back to me. Aadel, my one and only friend, was gone. Khaatamul Anbiya smiled at me when he did it. He looked at me and said, "Fear not, child, you may be American but you can be saved from the lies you were taught." Then he shoved me in a bag and threw me in the car. Why am I cursed by these people? First my parents and now Aadel is dead. Is every person I get close to going to die?

My abductors pulled the bag off me and threw me into a room. Light came rushing into my world. I was standing in the middle of a group of teenagers. Some were American, some were Muslim. I asked the nearest kid where I was, and I got the reply, "Fear not—you are going to be saved as we were. The country you lived in is evil. You will be taught the true way of life."

I asked around some more and got similar answers. I was starting to get sick of the saying "Fear not—you are going to be saved." Saved from what, I wondered. The

terrorists ushered us into a room where a man was preaching about the evils of the world and why we should kill the non-believers. I thought it was a bunch of hooey, but I noticed other people around me interested in the sermon. I started to listen to the man. He went on to say that America was the most evil thing in the world. What was scary about the talk was not the things he said but the fact that after an hour I started to believe him.

Days upon days went by. I lost track of time. They kept us from sleeping and limited our food intake. I tried to convince myself that these people were evil, but I couldn't resist the man preaching to us. Every person here seemed

to have lost a family member or a friend to the state, or at least they were told the government had killed their loved one. Their mental states were unstable and easily corruptible. I realized that I had to escape or, if they brainwashed me, I might do the same thing that they did to my family. Every once in awhile the most devout "Believer" would be called to a "holy mission." They were given a backpack and a map to their destination. After they set off, they were never heard from again. At the same time, people who weren't as devout and were fighting the brainwashing disappeared at random. I knew I had to get out. But I didn't know how.



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2010: A Year in Review

by Kang Huh

To begin, I can't help but say that 2010 was a relatively good year, even better than 2009. If you were around when I wrote last year's "2009: A Year in Review," and are reading this now, you probably remember how much I soiled 2009 and its so-called "greatness" in just one article. Well, this is a changed article coming from the same person who soiled 2009. Here it is: the long-awaited verdict of 2010.

The year 2010 had a shaky start. Literally. A shake of 7.0 on the Richter scale hit Haiti out of the blue. Haiti, a country which was already one of the poorest nations in the world, was devastated with an overall death toll of more than 230,000 people. Not only that, but think of how much wreckage the earthquake left behind. Not only does the government have to pay off the cost of \$7.8 billion to fix the city,

but they need to buckle down and improve the economy before the situation worsens. Shortly after the tragedy in Haiti, another earthquake, this time an even more powerful quake, hit Chile in the early hours of February 27. This

8.8 magnitude powerhouse shook the earth so hard that it even decreased the time in a day by 0.000001 seconds. It may not seem like much to you, but trust me, this is significant.

Now since we're past all of the bad stuff that happened at the beginning of the year, let's talk about some good things that made 2010 truly great. First of all, the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics were kicked off on February 12 and were truly a grand series of events. In sports from figure skating to snowboarding, all of the athletes performed well. Again, if you were around to read my 2010 Winter Olympics review from last year, you know how excited I was to see this. I'm not much of an athlete myself, but it's always a joy to cheer on my mother country, South Korea. (Don't get me wrong, I love America, I just have a grudge against that Apollo Anton Ohno).

Speaking of South Korea, a sad event occurred off the coast of the nation, as a Corvette of the Korean Navy was shot down by an unknown suspect, which is most likely the brothers of the north, North Korea. However, the North has not confessed



"Nude, Green Leaves, and Bust" by Picasso

to any wrongdoings yet. In fact, investigators even found a missile of North Korean manufacture from the evidence, proving that this was not a mechanical error. Don't you readers think that denying allegations at this point is hopeless with so much evidence against the North?

Moving on, another important event was the BP Oil Spill which occurred on April 20th. Many people don't really understand how this happened; instead, they would rather just point fingers at BP, which has become somewhat of an enemy to the world. To explain the situation in a concise way, the oil rig of BP called the "Deepwater Horizon" exploded, spilling the oil that had been previously collected into the Gulf of Mexico, poking a hole into the fishing businesses of many fish purveyors based in the Gulf of Mexico. BP is still cleaning up and apologizing to those hurt by their mishap.

The next event was a world-record-breaking event which was important to art collectors across the world. "Nude, Green Leaves, and Bust," a painting by Picasso, was sold for \$106.5 million, beating the purchase of van Gogh's "Portrait of Mr. Gachet," which was sold for \$82.5 million.



The BP Oil Spill

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Another important moment of the year was the 2010 FIFA World Cup, held in South Africa. Sadly, South Korea didn't win, and neither did Germany, my second favorite. My third favorite to win, Argentina, came really close, but was beaten, or rather, annihilated, by the Germans in a devastating 4-0 loss. In the end, Spain ended up winning, beating the Netherlands in a close game, barely winning 0-1.

The next event that was all the hype was the "Wikileaks: War Logs" file outbreak by Julian Assange, a computer hacker who posted all of the secret files and footage of the U.S. Army, which exposed U.S. secret

rescued one-by-one from a narrow hole that could barely reach them. This was a truly memorable event for Chile and the world because of the team's unquestionable teamwork and companionship that kept them alive

The next event, a truly remarkable event, will surely impress even those of you interested in the sciences. CERN, the popular laboratory in Geneva, Switzerland, trapped 38 atoms of anti-hydrogen matter, or just antimatter. Antimatter used to just be a "matter" of fiction, notably appearing in Dan Brown's *Angels and Demons*. Now, this event is the first time that the fact of fiction became an actual fact of life, as it is the first event in which



Spain - Winners of the FIFA World Cup

documents to the public. This still poses a problem, because the criticism and remarks of other world leaders were released, putting the U.S. allies in an uncomfortable position, knowing that their allies are secretly criticizing them for being dangerous, malicious, or just bad all around. I would be uncomfortable too, if I were a leader of a nation and was called a danger to the world, would you not?

The Chilean Miner incident captured everyone's attention when for a record 69 days, a team of miners from Chile barely survived with their limited supplies before they were

humans have trapped antimatter. Be careful though, because if you let this sucker out, it is much more powerful than a nuclear

bomb and will take out everything if it comes into contact with actual matter.

The final event that I want to talk about involves South Korea again. I know I've made note of a lot of events about South Korea in this article, but I can't help it. 2010 was a very momentous one for the growing nation. In this event, the North Koreans shelled an island called Yeonpyeong Island, an island dangerously close to the 38th Parallel, or the border of South and North Korea. This time, it was obvious that the North provoked the attack, and they even admitted it. Although minimal in casualties, the bombing was a very devastating attack on the relations of the two nations, as it created massive tension on the border. This event could have ended up in war, but China, North Korea's number one ally, stepped in and called for peace on the peninsula. This situation was the closest and most provocative thing to another war since the first war 60 years ago. Anyway, I'm glad to see that the two nations are somewhat cooperating with each other, with the peace talks and all.

Overall, 2010, as said above was a good year, but not necessarily the best. Thanks for reading and stay tuned in for the next annual, "2011: A Year in Review," which will hopefully be continued by another writer in my place.

*Welcome,
Grandparents, to
MBA's 2011
Grandparents' Day!*



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By Jackson Rich and Harry Stewart

First and foremost, let's clear up a few things about zombies. To start, zombies are not a creation of magic, voodoo, or any other "supernatural" cause. A zombie is a human infected with the Solanum virus. The virus is fatal to all organisms, as it essentially destroys most of the brain, beginning with the frontal lobe. And this is precisely the reason why humans are re-animated after death, due to our remarkably large frontal lobe. Within 24 hours of infection, the brain has been transformed, or mutated, into an entirely new organ, independent of oxygen. So, as the brain is highly altered in the process of re-animation, zombies' senses and abilities are very different as well. A zombie uses all senses equally, which may give them an advantage over sight-reliant humans. However, there is no evidence of extreme strength, just the lack of restraint. Also, the undead cannot heal, which means that muscles do not get stronger when used more, they only deteriorate. Unfortunately, this also means that zombies will never get tired or need to sleep.

Weapons, combat, safety, and general rules.

- Once again, there is one main rule. **DESTROY THE BRAIN.** Unlike zombie video games, a mini-gun to the torso of a zombie does not result in death. Only a headshot works to kill a zombie.

General rules to keep in mind –

- Organize before they rise.
- Have a plan; be ready to act at any moment.
- They feel no fear. Why should you?
- Keep a level head.
- Use your head; cut off theirs.
- Don't panic! Destroy the brain!
- Blades don't need reloading.
- Not saying you don't need a gun, but you're going to want melee weaponry.
- Ideal protection = Short hair, tight clothes-harder for zombies to grab onto
- Get up the staircase, then destroy it.
- Get to an upper floor; block the entrance.
- Get out of the car; get on a bike. -Escape routes will be clogged with cars. Bikes are agile and silent.
- Keep moving; keep low; keep quiet.
- No place is safe, only safer.
- You're not safe anywhere, just slightly safer than where you used to be.
- The zombie may be gone, but the threat lives on.
- Once you have killed a zombie, burn its body to reduce the risk of your being infected by it.

GET WEAPONS!

- No matter what your situation is, weapons are a necessity!

Bludgeons (mainly for close quarters)

- Hammers
 - Serve many purposes
- Crowbar
 - Effective, and also can be used for alternate problems

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ARE YOU PREPARED?

- Sharp objects
 - Not recommended (hard to use accurately)
 - No swords (hard to find a combat-ready model)
 - Machete, ax
 - One of the best possible melee weapons available; can also serve some alternate purposes.
 - Projectiles
 - Knives, ballistic or thrown, should never be used
 - Crossbows are good for long-range, silent kills
 - Guns
 - LMG=worst (low accuracy, loud)
 - Submachine gun
 - These guns are effective for close range, but still waste too much ammo for a good weapon.
 - Assault Rifle
 - These guns are typically fairly accurate and can pack a punch, but again, why the need for automatic?
 - Semi-auto rifle
 - An ideal zombie weapon, these guns are fairly common, conserve ammo well, and are generally very accurate.
 - Bolt action / lever action rifles
 - While these guns are commonly found ineffective these days, they would actually be very effective on zombies; they conserve ammo, are accurate, and are very common throughout the U.S.
 - Shotgun
 - Good for close range or as a last resort
 - Pistol
 - A good gun for close range, but do not rely on this small, unwieldy weapon.
 - Explosives/fire
 - Do not use. Cause more harm to the user than target. A zombie on fire would ruin anybody's day.
 - Defense
 - A house should be well-supplied and should have two floors.
 - Apartment buildings are very good
- Supplies**
- Water filter
 - Canned food
 - Salt
 - Seeds (yes, seeds for vegetables)
 - Electric stove
 - Flint and steel
 - Some way to manually charge a battery, either bicycle-powered or crank
 - Tool kit
 - First aid kit
 - Edible plants guide
 - Survival manuals



Survival Plans have been created to benefit our readers on page 16

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ZOMBIE SURVIVAL PLANS

Operation Island Getaway: Mr. Quinn's Zombie Survival Plan

First 6 months - Use a seat-of-my-pants strategy to (a) hide during the initial panic in preferably an isolated neighborhood in tall building close to non-obvious sources of food and supplies; (b) roam the city quietly, after I find a smart car or another small but fuel-efficient car at a dealership; another option would be a motorcycle; (c) after 2 or 3 months of getting acclimated to the zombie threat, weapons, and honed my skills, start trekking up to the Northeast to Maine

Indefinite Plan after "Patient Zero" and the initial wave of attacks - hole up at my brother-in-law's cabin on a small island on a small lake in Maine called Meddybemps (I'd probably rename it "MeddyImGonnaBlowYourHeadOffIfYouApproachMe"). There are 2 boats, 2 kayaks, and 3 cabins on this small island, plus a supply of guns...and a trusty dog. Prepare for a spring-through-fall gardening season. Hunt and fish. Seek out other trustworthy loyalists. Occasionally leave the island and roam Maine for food and supplies. In the winter, when the lake freezes, take extra precautions, but also recognize that large machinery and supplies of food can be transported to the island during this time. During the early freezes, Zombies would probably fall through the ice and freeze themselves into the lake (thought: if I drink water that a zombie has been swimming/sitting in, do I get infected? Need to research this). A lake with random zombie legs coming out of the ice would be a great picture.

Continuing Concerns about my plan - getting up to Maine would be a trek. Also, water escapes are risky but have a big payoff. Islands get lonely; maybe I could get a ping-pong machine that hits the ball back to me. I always wanted one of those.

Skills I might bring to a survival collective - I'm wiry, quick thinking, and resourceful. My family has a history of cross-country running, so I could build up more endurance over time. My grandfather was a boxer, so I could quickly learn some basic hand-to-hand moves. I was a boy scout and know many knots. I also like raisins.

Possible people I would bring to the island with me (Or tie up on the island and keep them in a shack if they turned into zombies.) :

1. My fiancée
2. Ms. Tilley
3. The 1989 Chicago Cubs baseball team
4. Tracy Morgan
5. Bob Dylan (wait...is he already a zombie?)

Jackson Rich's zombie survival plan –

My plan is rather simple. At the first sign of trouble, several of my friends (whose names are being withheld for legal reasons) and I are immediately getting all the supplies we can get our hands on. Once we have these we are going out to my farm (No! I'm not telling you where it is! What if you guys turn into zombies?!? Then you'll know where to find me!). Once we arrive there we will barricade all the entrances except for one, retreat to the upper floors, then wait. And wait... And wait.....

FEATURES

Congratulations on a Job Well Done!



Junior Honor Society Inductees

Sam Bellet
Louis Brown
Chris Byrne
Billy Deutsch
Alex Dunn
George Hite
Kang Huh
Charles Hunter
Aaron Kaplan
Bill Leftwich

Mac Mackey
Thomas Marosz
Daniel Maynard
Matt Miccioli
Michael Milam
Reid Parker
William Richardson
Henry Rogers
Nathan Sharp
William Snow

Stephen Sullivan
Anthony Swenson
Richard Thornton
James Throckmorton
Cameron Travis
John Triplett
Hunter Wims
Steve Wood
Haynes Young

FEATURES

Dr. Luv: Valentine's Edition

By Owen Powell

Reader asks: *"I can't figure out something to get my lady for Valentine's Day, can you please please please please please please please please please please help me?!?!?"*

As Valentine's Day is approaching, it is always a sweet gesture to add a little romance to the holiday. When thinking about the perfect gift for your perfect gal,



follow these two simple guidelines:

1. The most expensive gift is not the best.

Just because you spent \$50 on a teddy bear doesn't mean it is the best present.

2. Make something of your own, and make sure that it is related to something you know she is interested in.

My personal advice is to write a little short and sweet poem and attach it to a box of chocolate. Here is an example of a nice poem:

"Every time we embrace,
I go to that far away place,
When we just walk hand in hand,
I'm in never, never land."

Don't outdo yourself with a huge assortment of gifts but make it something she will enjoy. For the most part, just getting her something makes her heart warm and makes her feel special; **GIRLS WILL DIG IT!**

Tron Legacy: Hi-Tech Hit or Sci-Fi Flop?

By Richard Scherrer

Tron Legacy, a continuation of a 1982 film called *Tron*, is about a boy named Sam Flynn (Garrett Hedlund) whose father (Jeff Bridges) goes to "work" one day and is never heard from again. As the story unfolds, you learn that the father had entered the "grid," the gigantic computer network he made, and got trapped in it. He is trapped because the clone of himself (called Clu) turned evil and closed the portal to the real world. One day twenty years after the father disappeared, Sam accidentally goes into the Grid. He is immediately forced



to go into combat with other computer programs in the gladiatorial "Games." He is found out to be a "user" or human, so they sentence him to death by yet another game involving light cycles, a sort of motorcycle that runs on light. He is rescued from death by Quorra (Olivia Wilde) who is the last Iso, a super-intelligent race in the Grid that was nearly wiped out by Clu. Then he goes to his father's place, where he learns what happened to him. They have to race to the portal before it closes to get back to the real world. The plot basically ends with Quorra and Sam literally riding into the sunset and the entire Grid safe on Sam's flash drive.

Overall, this film was a thumbs up, but it had pros and cons. First of all, the

soundtrack, by a band called Daft Punk, is probably the best I have heard in a long time. Secondly, the special effects were great. I mean, slapping a bunch of glowing decals on everything was cool in and of itself, but the dabs of slow-motion and the computerized light cycles were truly spectacular. There was nothing scary whatsoever, so little kids can enjoy it as well as grown-ups. The father was well-played by Jeff Bridges, with a Zen Buddhist element added to his character. Garrett Hedlund played a good Sam Flynn, but Quorra was badly played. First of all, I doubt she was necessary to the film and the only point of her was to be Sam's compatriot and girlfriend. Secondly, her acting was flat, boring, and sometimes strange. Downsides to this movie include a weak plot that was compromised by the massive amount of action, a problem that also plagued its predecessor, the original *Tron*. Also, some of the acting was strange and some of the robotic programs act weird. Other than that, it was an excellent movie to watch unless you favor a good plot over a boatload of techno action. Overall I give this film an 8.5 out of 10.

ENTERTAINMENT

Kang's Restaurant Review

by Kang Huh

On January 16, 2011, my family and I went to Macke's Restaurant in Green Hills for my mom's birthday. Macke's is an upscale restaurant on Hillsboro Pike, which elevates traditional Southern cuisine. When we got there at 5:30, we were the first people for their dinner service, so the ambiance wasn't that great upon arrival. However, it improved greatly after the restaurant space got jam packed after about 10 minutes. We were seated at a great spot facing Green Hills; not exactly the city skyline, but still a decent view. Our waitress was nice, too, and service was great. The flow of the kitchen was steady as well, as if the meals were timed; all of the food came out at the same time, which is a sign of good timing. At the restaurant, I ordered the Dijon mustard rosemary- encrusted rack of lamb served with a warm rice salad, my dad got the roasted grouper served with a beet risotto and fried kale, and my mom got a pan-seared scallop served atop Creole gumbo. As an appetizer, we got the lobster macaroni and cheese.

Macke's, like many upscale restaurants, has a seasonal menu that fluctuates with what is available at the time. To our surprise, the chef sent an *amuse-bouche* of flash fried mushroom ravioli with a red pepper vinaigrette sauce served with a small amount of relish to cut the richness. The dish was exciting and new, which



is the purpose of the *amuse-bouche*, to excite the taste buds. The crispy ravioli with the tartness of the vinaigrette and relish provided for a nice contrasting combination that surprisingly worked. After the *amuse-bouche*, the waitress brought the complimentary olive bread slices with a tomato-herb butter which was better than the common dinner roll found at many restaurants across America. Then, the long-awaited lobster macaroni and cheese arrived. The appetizers here are kind of small and served tapas style, but we wanted to share, so we purposely got one of the bigger appetizers. Macaroni and cheese, being so simplistic, is so hard to master and get the great flavor you would expect. Macke's has gotten the flavor down but needs to work on the viscosity of the sauce, because it was quite runny. My guess is that the chef didn't use the thick roux and tried to make it lighter. Another thing to comment about is the skimpy amount of lobster in the dish. It is called *lobster macaroni and cheese*, right? Hardly any lobster was in that dish, except for maybe one decent chunk of claw meat.

Then, the entrées came to the table. First, I tried my lamb dish. The lamb, cooked to a perfect medium rare, was pink, tender, and juicy. The lamb was also perfectly seasoned and crispy because of the Dijon-rosemary crust. As for the rice, that tasted fine too, but it was nothing special; it was just wild rice, figs, and vegetables. Overall, the dish was outstanding.

Then, I tried a little bit of my mom's scallops. The scallops were cooked perfectly and tasted phenomenal, being naturally sweet, tender, and seasoned to perfection. However, the gumbo was disappointing; the broth was overly salty, and the vegetables were undercooked. The saltiness of the gumbo didn't work for me, especially with the perfect scallops. This was a very bad way to end a decent dish. Overall, the dish was disappointing, because the gumbo did not live up to the perfection of the scallops. Sadly, I didn't try my dad's grouper; however, he seemed to thoroughly enjoy it because the plate was literally spotless after he finished.

In the end, the food was great -tasting and really fresh; two essential elements of food that are *extremely* hard to find in Nashville. Finally, the verdict: the food is good, and so is the service. The food comes out at decent speeds and it's definitely a place to relax and chill for the evening. The dress code is semi-fancy meaning something along the lines of church attire; you don't want to look like a slob going here. The price range is definitely expensive, and the food is definitely something you would not want to pay for every day, but definitely something you will want to try. My overall rating? 9/10.

Macke's Restaurant

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True Grit is True Entertainment

By Nathan Sharp

True Grit is an old western classic that has been redone in 2010 with stunning graphics and special effects. *True Grit* is the story of the young, headstrong girl, Mattie Ross, and her quest to find and kill Tom Chaney, a poor man who shot and killed Mattie's father one night when Tom was drunk. After Tom shoots her father, he robs the body, then flees to the Indian territory. Mattie comes to the town

to identify her father's body and get her father's possessions. While she is there, she learns that the sheriff is not doing anything to catch Tom because they have no jurisdiction in the Indian territory. She wants Tom brought back and hanged, so she hires her own marshal to go with her and find Chaney. She asks around to find who is the best man for the job and gets many different answers. She decides to go with the one that most people agree is the meanest and cruelest marshal around; this man is Rooster Cogburn. Rooster has killed over thirty people in the last six years and shot many more as stated in the beginning of the movie. Before Mattie and Rooster head out, they meet up with a Texas Ranger named LaBeouf (pronounced La beef). LaBeouf has been on the trail of Chaney ever since he shot a senator in Texas. Reluctantly, Rooster lets him join the hunt and, along with Mattie, they head out. Along the way they figure out that Chaney is running with Ned Pepper, and now they must catch him, too. It is now a race to find Chaney and his crew, before Chaney finds them.

This movie was extremely well-done back in 1969, and it was made even better in 2010. The cast of the original movie included the famous John Wayne (his real name was Marion Mitchell Morrison and his nickname was "The Duke") who starred in countless

western movies, was a director and producer of films, and was also named 13th among the greatest male actors of all time in 1999 by the American Film Institute. The new movie put Jeff Bridges in this leading role, and he did a wonderful job with it. In the original movie, John Wayne won the Academy Award for best actor in a leading role. The "tough" Texas Ranger LaBeouf was played by Glenn Campbell in the old version of the movie and Matt Damon plays him in the new movie. Lastly, Mattie Ross was played by Kim Darby in the older version and was replaced by Hailee Steinfeld in the new version. These actors were all great and did a wonderful job of portraying the characters from the other movie.

This new version of this movie is now one of my favorites. The fast-paced western shootouts paired with 21st century special effects make the movie that much better. The older version was also good and had many gunfights also. The movie did not have as much action as I anticipated, but was filled with comedy also. Now this does not make it a comedy by any means, but it had its funny moments. All in all I think the producer did a wonderful job of staying as close to the old movie as he could and made excellent casting decisions. This movie has only a couple of really rough scenes and I would fully recommend it. My final rating is 10 out of 10.



ENTERTAINMENT

Undead Nightmare

(*Red Dead Redemption* Expansion Pack)

By Cameron Travis

(Please note: the Undead Nightmare expansion pack came out on October 26, 2010. So, this review is a little overdue)

Do you remember when you were little and you were afraid of the dark? Well, get ready to be afraid again. This game isn't for the faint of heart. In this all-new twist on the original *Red Dead Redemption* game, set in the era of the Wild West, we find our main character, John Marston, in a very serious situation. One stormy night John, his wife, and son are sitting around the fire talking. They realize that Uncle, a family member, has been out for quite awhile. While John is sleeping, Uncle enters the room and attacks him. John grabs a lamp beats down the old man. While John runs out to grab his gun, his wife is being chased by Uncle. She is knocked on the ground and Uncle bites her on the neck. John returns and puts Uncle out of his misery. While John runs to get his lasso, his son Jack is by his mom's side. The mom becomes crazed and bites Jack on the neck. John returns to



find that they both have gone mad. John lassos them up and puts them in the bedroom, leaving them with some steak. Now, you play as John Marston on a mission to find out what is happening and to find a cure for his family. You ride to Blackwater, the closest city, only to discover that things here have gone out of control. Now, there are zombies everywhere, and you are left with some rope and a few bullets to defend yourself. In the single player offline mode, there is a path of story missions which you can follow to complete the campaign. Also, a large portion of side missions are available for you to do as well. You can choose to just run around and kill zombies. Be warned, though, there are gruesome cut scenes when attacking a zombie close range and very large amounts of blood and gore. This game makes for a very creepy and very disgusting onslaught of undead monsters. As anybody who has played this game will tell you, the scariest part of this game is the music. But, in order

to experience the full effect of this game, it is best to leave all of the sounds at default levels. If you are seeking some advice on how to best stay alive in this game, be sure to conserve ammo and avoid spraying. Always aim for the head if possible. Due to this game's realistic nature, the fastest, easiest, and best way to kill a zombie is by shooting it in the head. Also, as disgusting as it may be, don't be afraid to loot the corpses for bullets. Not attracting a ton of attention to yourself is key to escaping large groups of roaming zombies, so avoid fires, explosions, and loud noises at all costs.

Lastly, the roofs are your best friends. Due to the zombies' inability to climb ladders and crates, staying on top of things, no pun intended, can really give you an advantage. However, keep in mind that climbing trees is not an option, so the best thing to do when you encounter a large number of zombies out in the wild, is to run or ride as fast as you can. Finally, there is a multiple player option on Xbox live or Playstation Network. Unfortunately, this isn't free roam, and you and your friend or friends are stuck defending a city from wave upon wave of zombies. No matter who you are, if you are above the age of 10 and already own *Red Dead Redemption*, this expansion pack is definitely worth it. If you don't already own *Red Dead Redemption*, I suggest buying the game and playing its campaign first, and then getting the *Undead Nightmare* expansion pack.

ENTERTAINMENT



Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader

By Benton Dodd

Chronicles of Narnia has had its ups and downs as a series, so I was very interested in the result of the movie. Would it be great like the first or a miss like the second? The result was a resounding success. *Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by Walt Disney Pictures turns one of the most beloved books of the 20th Century into one of the best movies of the 2010 holiday season. In case you are new to the series, Narnia is a series of books chronicling the journey of the four

Pevensie children; Lucy, Edmund, Peter, and Susan through the magical land of Narnia which draws many of its themes from the Bible. This third installment by Disney chronicles the journey of Lucy

and Edmund to save Narnia from an evil power but also the evil within themselves. Edmund played by Skandar Keynes and Lucy played by Georgie Henley start the story living with their annoying cousin, Eustace, played by Will Poulter. When viewing a painting of a ship on the ocean, they are quickly thrust into the world of Narnia, along with Eustace, when the painting comes to life and fills the room with the sea. They come up for air to realize they've again been transported to Narnia where they are picked up by Prince Caspian (the king of Narnia) and the crew of the *Dawn Treader*. They soon learn they are on a journey to find the seven Lords of Narnia within the Lone Islands. To find the lords they have to go to a wide variety of islands ranging from a seemingly empty island used by slave traders to an island inhabited by invisible trolls. They discover on one island that they have to bring together all of the lords' swords and place them on Aslan's table (Aslan the Lion is a figure that represents God) to save Narnia from a power so evil it could envelope all of Narnia. As Edwin and

Lucy journey along they soon discover that the evil they will be fighting is as much evil within themselves as evil from the outside. I loved watching the *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*; it was one of my favorite Narnia books I read. The cast was great led by Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, and Will Poulter. Georgie Henley in particular shined in her first lead role, and Will Poulter put in an excellent performance in comedic relief. There is also an interesting character named Reepicheep, voiced by X. He is so interesting because at the end of the movie when given the choice of going to Aslan's country or staying home, he chooses to leave. This shows his reverence for Aslan. The effects in this movie were great. It was a beautiful movie visually although the CG used was extensive, but it is such an imaginative story that this small gripe may be forgiven, and most of the movie happens at sea so it had to be CG. The story was excellent, the book was great, and its events were portrayed well in the movie. This story alludes to morals directly from the Bible teaching values such as self-worth, and the consequences of sin, vanity, and greed. I loved watching this movie, and it is a great movie to watch with your family. I give it an 8/10. It was a great movie with few problems, but it wasn't perfect. Unfortunately, the audio at Regal Green Hills had problems, and expected humor as customary in Disney Movies held the movie back from being one of the best family movies of 2010. **Caution-**The chronicles of Narnia has a very in-depth and intricate atmosphere so it would be hard to understand some of the nuances if you haven't read the books by C.S. Lewis or haven't seen the first two movies in the series. If you have already seen the first two movies, this film is a must see.

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The Music City Bowl: Exciting and Electrifying

By John Triplett

In the Music City Bowl of 2010, Tennessee and North Carolina faced off to produce a nail biter. This game was possibly one of the best football games I have ever gone to in my life. It was a great game, and it went all the way to the end and more. "Wow" was one of the only words to describe this game!

The bowl game started off with Tennessee going "three and out." Then North Carolina struck quickly with about a 60-yard toss run by their running back Shaun Draughn down the sideline for a touchdown. Next came a series of "three and outs" and turnovers that led to no one scoring. Finally near the end of the first quarter, Tennessee struck back with a lightning pass by Tennessee's

quarterback Tyler Bray of about 30 yards for a touchdown to tie UNC. Then after a few more series of failure UNC took the lead with a fairly short field goal. Nothing much happened until the last three minutes of the half when both teams scored touchdowns. Tennessee was the next one to score on about a 50-yard play-action pass on a rocket by Tyler Bray. Only a few plays before, a UNC defender had a chance to make an interception in the endzone, but he dropped it. UNC really hurt themselves with that missed opportunity. Then UNC came back strong with a great NFL-worthy drive led by their quarterback T.J. Yates. On the touchdown Yates threw a bullet to Erik Highsmith in the corner of the field which allowed Highsmith to waltz into the endzone. There was no more scoring in the half so the halftime score was 17-14 UNC.

During the third quarter, neither team scored, and both teams came close to scoring, but turnovers caused the scores to be stopped. There was also no scoring the 4th quarter for a while. Then Tennessee had a nice, long drive which really wore out the UNC defense, and they scored on a nice, short pass from Tyler Bray in the corner of the endzone. Next comes what I believe to be the key play of the game. The extra point is blocked which makes the score 20-17 Tennessee making it a one-possession game. Then North Carolina gets the ball back, but they go nowhere. Then Tennessee gets the ball back trying to run the clock out. They run it down to about 40 seconds when they are stopped on a key third down play. Tennessee then punts the ball to UNC, and UNC gets the ball back with about 30 seconds left on the clock at about their own ten yard line. You may be thinking that the

game is now over, but there is still a lot to go. Immediately when UNC gets the ball they make about a twenty yard pass down the sideline, and they get out of bounds. Tennessee then hurts themselves by committing a personal foul, for unnecessary roughness which pushes UNC to about midfield. Then North Carolina has another nice pass and catch, and they spike the ball to stop the clock. Next UNC runs for about 7 yards, but then confusion follows. The field goal team tries to run onto the field as the offense motions them to get back so UNC just spikes the ball as time expires. Tennessee then runs onto the field thinking they have won the game, but the referees review to see when the spike hit the ground. The referees reverse the call and say that the ball was spiked with one second left. Then the crowd roars and boos in disgust, and many Tennessee fans began to throw their drinks onto the field. North Carolina is then penalized for twelve men on the field, and next UNC kicks the game-tying field goal as time expires. These few seconds will be remembered for years to come. The two teams do the coin toss, and Tennessee wins choosing to defend first. North Carolina then scored on a QB sneak by T.J. Yates. Tennessee then had a nice drive themselves, and Tyler Bray hit Luke Stocker for a nice touchdown. Then the teams did a second coin toss, and UNC won electing to go on defense first. After a few plays, Tennessee's Tyler Bray threw an interception. UNC then got the ball to about the five yard line, and they kicked the game-winning field goal.

This game was really amazing. I know it disappointed you UT fans, but you have to admit it was a great game.

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BCS Bowls Recap

By William Richardson

The BCS bowls this year were not as impressive as in years past, but they led up to a highly-anticipated National Championship in Glendale, Arizona. The first two BCS bowls, occurring on

January 1st, were the Rose Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl. The Rose Bowl was a match-up of the Wisconsin Badgers and the TCU Horned Frogs, two of the most productive offenses in the country. The game was back and forth until the very end, but TCU came out on top, proving to the major conferences that they really deserved a BCS bid. The second game that day was the Fiesta Bowl in Arizona. The Sooners of Oklahoma met the Huskies of Connecticut to compete in this prestigious bowl game. The game ended up being a blowout, with Oklahoma winning 48-20. The next game, on January 3rd, pitted the Stanford Cardinals against the Virginia Tech Hokies. Led by Andrew Luck, the Cardinals destroyed the Hokies 40-12. The next day, the Arkansas Razorbacks met the Ohio State Buckeyes in a thrilling Big 10-SEC matchup. The game was heavily in the favor of the Buckeyes, 28-10 at the half. The Razorbacks outscored the Buckeyes 16-3 in the second half, but it was not enough for the victory. Ohio State won that

game 31-26. The final BCS game was the BCS National Championship, between the Oregon Ducks and the Auburn Tigers on January 10, 2011. I recently had a chance to speak with Owen Powell, an avid Auburn fan, about his experience during the game. He said, "It was hype," and concluded the conversation with "WAR EAGLE." He was so excited because, after a hard-fought, defensive battle, the Tigers came out on top, with a final score of 22-19. Many people thought that the game would have had a much greater end result based on the offensive power produced by Heisman Trophy winner/Auburn quarterback Cam Newton, and Oregon running back LaMichael James. This was not the case, as both offenses struggled throughout the game. These bowl games, although not the only bowls, are some of the most important games played during the postseason. And, they always act as a good excuse for chips and queso on a cold winter afternoon.

Ben Roethlisberger: His Journey from the Courtroom to the Super Bowl

By Sam Carey

Ben Roethlisberger had a tough start to his season this past year when he was accused of sexually assaulting a woman in Georgia. Roethlisberger was under investigation for a short period, until the case was eventually dropped because the District Attorney felt "there was no way he could win a conviction." Even though all criminal charges were dropped, Ben was still waiting to see what the NFL commissioner Roger Goodell had to say about the situation. It turned out, Roethlisberger would be suspended for a total of six weeks out of the NFL season. Later, Goodell dropped the suspension to four weeks. The Steelers went 3-1 in the four games without their leader quarterback. Obviously, Roethlisberger felt horrible about what he had done or at

least been accused of doing, so he offered a formal apology to the team. In addition to his sincere apology was a promise to be better and to play as hard as he could.

The Steelers finished the season with an outstanding record of 12-5. This was enough to send them to the playoffs and eventually the Super Bowl. The Steelers were trailing the Packers the whole game until the last two minutes when Pittsburgh saw a chance to win yet another Super Bowl. This was Ben's chance to win his fans and the nation's respect back. Unfortunately for Ben and his team, the Packers held out and won Super Bowl XLV 31-25. Although Roethlisberger feels he has let down his team, it is truly remarkable that he went from being investigated for sexually assaulting someone to almost winning the Super Bowl. Some people think Roethlisberger and the Steelers shouldn't have even been

in the Super Bowl. These people believe that Ben should have been suspended for a longer period of time than he was. Even having two more games without Ben could have made the rest of the year have a totally different outcome. The Steelers might have been a lower seed, so they would have played better teams. You never can know what could have happened. Whether you like the situation or not, you have to agree that Big Ben had a remarkable recovery from his rough start and almost went all the way back to the top again.



SPORTS



Tennessee Titans – Time for Change

By Steve Wood

After a dismal 6-10 record this year, Titans owner Bud Adams decided he is ready for change. Midway through the season, quarterback Vince Young, whose responsibility and attitude has been questioned since being drafted in 2006, tore a ligament in his thumb, followed by a serious altercation



Jeff Fisher is out.

with head coach Jeff Fisher. This was not the first contention between the two, but it was deemed the most serious by media, and many thought that Young and Fisher would be unable to get over the incident.

After the Titans played out their final game, Bud Adams said that he would contemplate the situation and decide what the future holds for the Titans franchise. In early January, Adams announced that the team will trade or release Young, and intend on keeping head coach Jeff Fisher. Fisher, who would be in the last year of his contract next season, knew that he would be playing for his job, and he needed to make some changes.

A couple weeks ago, Fisher made his first change. He fired defensive coordinator Chuck Cecil, whose defense in the last two years can be considered mediocre at best. This did not come as an incredible surprise, yet it was not the only change in coaching staff. About the same time Cecil was fired, defensive line coach Jim Washburn left to pursue the same job with the Philadelphia Eagles. Also, Titans running back coach Craig Johnson recently left to take a job as quarterback coach with the Minnesota Vikings.

Apparently, these changes did not satisfy Bud Adams and the management team. Just weeks after announcing that Fisher is here to stay, Jeff Fisher was fired. With both Fisher and Young out of the picture, the Titans had two main goals: hire a new head coach and find a new quarterback. The Titans interviewed



Mike Munchak is the new head coach for the Titans.

the current coaching staff including Mike Munchak, Titans offensive line coach, and Mike Heimerdinger, Titans offensive coordinator. Also, the team interviewed Perry Fewell and Mike Murlarky from outside the team. Ultimately, the Titans chose Mike Munchak as the new head coach, making the announcement on Monday, February 7, 2011. Munchak made some immediate changes, firing offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger, as well as coaches Rayna Stewart and Richie Wessman, only one day after being promoted to head coach.

Also, the Titans have addressed the quarterback situation, saying they will look to find a veteran quarterback as well as a rookie quarterback from the draft. Draft contenders include Ryan Mallett of Arkansas and Cam Newton of Auburn.

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NFL Update

By Aaron Kaplan



• Statistic Leaders:

- o Passing yards – Philip Rivers – QB (San Diego Chargers)
- o Rushing yards – Arian Foster – RB (Houston Texans)
- o Receiving yards – Brandon Lloyd – WR (Denver Broncos)
- o Tackles – Jerod Mayo – LB (New England Patriots)
- o Sacks – DeMarcus Ware – LB (Dallas Cowboys)
- o Interceptions – Ed Reed – S (Baltimore Ravens)

• Playoffs

o AFC

The New York Jets and the Indianapolis Colts faced off in a rematch of last year's AFC championship, but this time the Jets won 17-16 in a close game. The next day, the Baltimore Ravens and the Kansas City Chiefs played in a blowout, with the Ravens winning 30-7. The Jets advanced to play Tom Brady and the New England Patriots in an anticipated match-up, upsetting the Patriots 28-21. The Ravens continued to play the Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Steelers ended up on top 31-24. The AFC Championship game was played between the Jets and the Steelers. Unfortunately for the Jets, their smack-talk led them only to a loss, the Steelers winning 24-19 and proceeding to the Superbowl.

o NFC

The NFC's Wild Card games began with the biggest upset of this year's playoffs, with the Seattle Seahawks defeating the defending champions, the New Orleans Saints, 41-36 in what many thought was an easy win for the Saints. The Green Bay Packers then faced off against the Philadelphia Eagles, a rematch from Week 1. The Packers managed to defeat Michael Vick and the Eagles 21-16. The Packers proceeded to play the Atlanta Falcons, winning 48-21 and shocking the nation. The Seahawks, however, could not repeat their first-round victory, and the Chicago Bears defeated them 35-24. The NFC Championship was played between the Packers and the Bears, a classic division rivalry. The Packers continued their exciting win streak with a win over Chicago, 21-14.

• Coaching Changes

- o Carolina Panthers – The Panthers fired John Fox after a terrible season, and the head coaching position is now occupied by Ron Rivera, previously the San Diego Chargers' defensive coordinator.
- o Cleveland Browns – The Browns hired Pat Shurmur from the St. Louis Rams to be their head coach after firing Eric Mangini.
- o Dallas Cowboys – The Cowboys decided to stick with Jason Garrett as their head coach after he served as interim head coach for part of the 2010 season.
- o Denver Broncos – The Broncos hired John Fox as their head coach after firing Josh McDaniels in the regular season.
- o Minnesota Vikings – The Vikings agreed to keep Leslie Frazier as official head coach after he served as interim head coach during the 2010 season.
- o Oakland Raiders – The Raiders appointed Hue Jackson to their head coaching position after he served as their offensive coordinator.
- o San Francisco 49ers – The 49ers signed Jim Harbaugh as their head coach, replacing Mike Singletary.
- o Tennessee Titans - The Titans and Jeff Fisher decided that Fisher will no longer be the head coach, and his position is now held by Mike Munchak.

SPORTS

Superbowl XLV

By Aaron Kaplan

Superbowl XLV kicked off after a week of anticipation in Arlington, Texas. The cold night was set aside in the indoor Cowboys Stadium facility. This enticing matchup would be played out between the Green Bay Packers, led by head coach Mike McCarthy, and the Pittsburgh Steelers, led by head coach Mike Tomlin. Superbowl XLV truly began, however, with the first score of the night, this one by the Packers. The Packers' Aaron Rodgers sent a 29-yard pass to Jordy Nelson, which Nelson caught with tight coverage from William Gay for a magnificent touchdown, putting the Packers up 7-0. To cap off a Packers-dominated first quarter,



Steelers fumble.

free safety Nick Collins intercepted the Steelers' Ben Roethlisberger for a 37-yard interception return touchdown, putting the Packers up 14-0.

The second quarter was one of scoring for both teams. Early in the second quarter, the Steelers were forced to a fourth down, during which they chose to kick a field goal, bringing them to an 11-point deficit, losing 14-3. Just when the Steelers thought they were coming back, "Big Ben" threw a second interception,

this time to Jarrett Bush for a minimal return. A 21-yard touchdown by the Packers' Greg Jennings and an 8-yard one by the Steelers' Hines Ward followed these plays. The score going into halftime was 21-10, the Packers leading.

After a halftime performance by the Black Eyed Peas and company, the Packers received the kick, beginning the second half without the valuable Charles Woodson, Sam Shields, and Donald Driver. The only score in the third quarter ended up being from the Steeler's Rashard Mendenhall scoring from an 8-yard touchdown run, putting seven more points on the board for the Steelers. Entering the final quarter of Superbowl XLV, the score was 21-17, the Packers leading.

The stakes were high as the fourth quarter began. The championship would be decided in only a matter of 15 game-clock minutes. The Steelers took a turn for the worse at the beginning of the quarter with the Packers' Clay Matthews forcing a fumble from Rashard Mendenhall, recovered by the Packers' Desmond Bishop for a seven-yard fumble recovery return. On the ensuing Packer's possession, Aaron Rodgers passed to Greg Jennings for an 8-yard touchdown. The Steelers, rallied behind "Big Ben," answered with a 25-yard touchdown from Ben Roethlisberger to Mike Wallace.

In an attempt to have their score within field goal range, the Steelers chose to go for a 2-point conversion, which succeeded with the Steelers' Antwaan Randle El. The Packers ended up kicking their first field goal, which was their last score. As the Steelers entered the final minute, trailing by six, it was all or nothing. After failing to reach a first down after the first three downs, Roethlisberger threw his last pass of the night to Mike Wallace. It being incomplete, the Packers' name in superbowl history was set in stone. After kneeling the ball twice, the



Touchdown Packers!

Packers officially achieved victory over the Steelers 31-25.

Aaron Rodgers was named MVP after throwing for 304 yards and three touchdowns. On the receiving end, Jordy Nelson's receiving performance joined the elite Superbowl receiving performances in the history of the game, with 140 receiving yards. Running for Green Bay, James Starks rushed for 52 yards.



Aaron Rodgers - MVP

As the Packers went from almost missing the playoffs to becoming Superbowl champions, their story was indeed an interesting one to follow. The Steelers, having won a total of six Superbowls, were looking for a seventh and a third one for their quarterback, Roethlisberger. In the end, it was a matter of which team was better, and the Packers came out on top.

SPORTS



A Prelude to the “Madness”

By Benton Dodd

2011 has been another exciting year in college basketball and now that the season is winding down, it is time for a season recap. Duke came into the season #1 and for much of it stayed unbeaten until they were beaten at Florida State on January 12, 2011. They then followed up that loss with a loss at St. Johns on January 30, 2011. Both of those losses were surprising because both teams were unranked at the time. The #2 team in the preseason poll was Michigan State. They started the season out strong but then a string of losses to Penn State, Illinois, Purdue, and Michigan over a six-game span caused them to fall out of contention. One of the biggest surprises of 2011 was UConn. They started the season 10th in the Big East poll, but soon rose to as high as the top five, and have been great all season.

There have been several obvious Naismith Player of the Year candidates. Jimmer Fredette from BYU has averaged close to 28 points and 4 assists per game

en route to leading an average BYU team to the top 10. Another leading candidate has been Kemba Walker from UConn. He has averaged 24 points per game, and 4 assists per game. His outstanding play has led UConn, from the bottom of the Big East to the top 5. The final candidate has been freshman sensation Jarred Sullinger from Ohio State. He has averaged 18 points and 10 rebounds per game. Although he is statistically inferior to the other two, he has been just the spark Ohio State needed to send them all the way to #1. The winner will most likely be Kemba Walker. Even though he has averaged slightly fewer points per game than Fredette, he plays much tougher competition coming out of the Big East conference.

In last year's tournament the big story was mid majors vs. powerhouses, like Northern Iowa beating Kansas or Butler reaching the national championship. This year some of the potential Cinderella stories will be, UTEP, Belmont, and Coastal Carolina. Of these teams UTEP probably has the best chance to make a run because of their star senior guard Randy Culpepper. The teams from Tennessee that are most likely to make the tournament are Tennessee, Vanderbilt, and Belmont. Belmont, one of the Cinderellas in the tournament, is seeking its 4th NCAA tournament bid and first March madness victory. Vanderbilt has had a great season with John Jenkins and Jeffery Taylor leading the way in a year when Vanderbilt spent much of in the top 25. Tennessee was touted in the preseason as a legitimate national championship contender and followed through on this hype initially winning the first seven games of the schedule, but followed this run with three straight losses to unranked teams, Oakland, Charlotte, and USC. Tennessee then lost to College of Charleston, Arkansas, and Florida, giving them a 4-6 record over that 10-game span. The Volunteers have since gone 4-1 giving them a 14-7 record

- good enough to make the tournament but not enough to meet the preseason hype.

In my bracket the final four will be #1 Ohio State vs. #1 Kansas and #2 Duke vs. #1 Texas. Ohio State vs. Kansas will be a battle of the big men, the Morris brothers, Markeif and Marcus from Kansas, versus Jarred Sullinger from Ohio State. Jarred Sullinger is a terrific player and would overpower the twins if it were one-on-one, but the dual threat of the brothers will prove too much for Sullinger. Even if Sullinger has a great night, Kansas' stronger bench and perimeter shooting will down Ohio State. In Duke vs. Texas I'm guessing that Texas will jump out to a big half-time lead because of their star forward Jordan Hamilton. Duke will use its superior coaching and experience to mount a comeback but will still fall short. The championship would then be a rematch of a January 22 matchup in which Texas won against an emotionally-distracted Kansas team after the loss of Thomas Robinson's mother the day before. It will be a great matchup pitting Kansas' star forward duo of Markeif and Marcus Morris vs. Texas' dual threat, forward Jordan Hamilton and equally impressive forward Tristan Thompson. These great players all offset each other so the key will be the bench and supporting cast. Texas can boast great players in Cory Joseph and also Gary Johnson. But Kansas fields star freshmen Josh Selby, Tyrel Reed, and Tyshaun Taylor, not mentioning Thomas Robinson, who is one of the best bench players in the country. After a hard-fought game, Kansas will emerge as champion for the fourth time, for these reasons: Kansas has some of the best bench players in the country, strong star players in the Morris twins, and one of the best coaches in the country with Bill Self. * All stats and records are as of 1/30/11

SPORTS



NCAA DIVISION I BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKET



SOCCER

A Seventh Smashing Season: HVAC Champs Again!

By Andrew Porter

The MBA 7th and 8th grade A soccer team won their 7th straight HVAC Championship this season by beating rivals CPA 2-1 in the Championship Game. The team started off their season having to fill in 9 of the 11 starting spots from last year's championship game. After only two practices, we beat Harding 9-0, but we had a lot to improve. In our second game, we played very sloppily against



rival CPA, and they took advantage of all our mistakes, beating us 1-5. After a few practices, we came back to beat FRA and DCA. Our next challenge came against USN. They scored a quick goal but we answered with a great shot from Chase Meluch. They scored off a corner in the second half, but we came back with a goal from Louis Brown. Though we had many more shots and chances than they did, the game ended in a 2-2 tie. Our next games were wins against Ensworth, BA, and then a big 3-0 victory against BGA. After a win against Poplar Grove, we started getting ready for the play-offs.

After a first round bye, we played USN in the semi-finals. From the very beginning of the game, we were more determined to win the game. This showed when Parks Ball scored in under 50 seconds from the starting whistle, he went on to score two more goals and Tobi Kehinde added a fourth as we beat USN 4-0, sending us to the championship against CPA. We knew that we had to put in our best game in the Championship

and were determined to make up for the loss earlier in the season. We showed this by a sixth minute goal from Parks Ball and then one more from Kaden Freeman. CPA managed to get a goal (even though the scorer was clearly off-sides), but the defense from Davis Luster, Andrew Porter, Trice McCullar, and Christian Williams halted all other possible chances they had. Everyone played their best game of the season, allowing us to win 2-1, winning the seventh straight HVAC soccer championship for MBA. The victory couldn't have been possible without the great coaching from Coach Klausner and Coach Cheevers throughout the season. Thanks to all the students that showed up for the game. Throughout the season, we scored 46 goals; the leading scorer was Parks Ball. Goalies Mac Mackey and Cole Cross helped stop many goal chances from the opposition. The team's overall record was 9-1-1 (9 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie). Four of the team's players were named to the All-HVAC team; these four were Davis Luster, Parks Ball, Andrew Porter, and Louis Brown. ROLL RED!



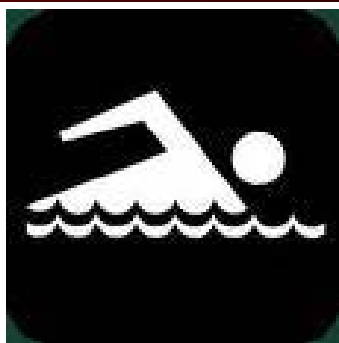
2010 HVAC CHAMPIONS!!!!!!

SWIMMING

MBA Microbe Swimming Season Ends with a Blast at Baylor

By Alvin Zhang

The 2010-2011 MBA junior swim team had a great season that ended at the Baylor meet. Practicing at the Gordon Jewish Community Center (GJCC), fifteen or so swimmers swam many exercises for freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly for about an hour from Monday to Thursday, as well as during winter



break. While some people complained at first (except when they were playing water polo), the team's hard work and persistent effort soon paid off. At a meet at USN, MBA won by a landslide by getting almost twice as many points as USN had. It also did well in an MBA/Harpeth Hall invitational and the Middle TN Middle School Championship Meet. However, I think where the MBA team made the most improvement was at the Baylor meet, a huge swim meet with hundreds (possibly thousands) of swimmers that were from schools from CPA to Savannah Middle School (MBA competed along with Harpeth Hall). In the Baylor meet, there were the starting events that everybody could compete in. Everyone had two events, and they were chosen for you. After the starting events (I had a 50-yard freestyle event and a 100-yard freestyle event), the top 16 swimmers from each section out of all the schools competing would then advance to the finals, where they would

swim the same events except with much harder competition and more spectators. Many people on the MBA team made it to the finals, and all of them did well. Chatham Dobbs took first place for both of his final events and set two Middle Tennessee records. Cole Jones was 10 seconds faster in the finals than he was in the starting event (a 200 IM), and Ryan Carpenter took 26 seconds off his time for the 500 free style. Other finalists were Kaden Freeman, Winston Hewett, Matthew Robbins, Kirkland Mawae, Stephen Sullivan, Jordan Rosdeutscher, Will Blaufuss, Ryan Carpenter, and Hank Thomas. MBA ended up taking second, losing by only eight points to Baylor. Though the Big Red wasn't the top dog in this meet, it still performed very well, considering that for the starting events Baylor had a large lead in points. This meet also had more in it than swimming, though, and the swim team members often played basketball and soccer in the gym, as well as checking out the Harpeth Hall girls. Overall this season was a success, and I think everyone (especially Rishi), improved a lot.

LET IT SNOW!!

By John Triplett

At the time of this publication, we have experienced seven snowfalls this winter. There has been significant snowfall this year in Nashville. We had about 4.5 inches in December, causing exam delays which is unheard of at MBA. We also experienced our first significant snowfall on Christmas Day since 1969. In the month of January, we had about 5.5

inches. This snowfall accounted for bad roads and one snow day. Our most recent snowfall occurred in Nashville on February 10, 2011 when we had about 2 inches, resulting in a second snow day for MBA students. This is only the fourth time in the last twenty-one winters that we have received above the average of snow during winter which is about 9 inches. Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!



MICROBE

Seventh-Grade Basketball Enjoys Sweet Success!

By Carter Lovvorn

The 7th Grade MBA Basketball Team had another successful year. The team finished 10-1 beating big rivals like Ensworth, Brentwood Academy, and Christ Presbyterian Academy. The Big Red began the season with a solid 39-23 win against a scrappy St. Henry team. The second game of the season was a monumental win against Brentwood Academy. This 33-26 win gave the Big Red a lot of confidence, as it would be one of their toughest games of the



Parker Bryan



2010-2011 7th Grade Basketball Team

season. The 7th grade then competed in the Overbrook Classic. They put up a good fight, but unfortunately lost in a thriller to St. Bernard. After the loss, MBA needed a victory. They found one when they crushed Battle Ground Academy. This game was a big way to head into winter break. The first day back from break, the Big Red visited Lipscomb and dominated from the tip. Lipscomb found themselves with only two points at the end of the first quarter, due to stellar defense by the Big Red. MBA held Lipscomb to 15 points in their 33-15 victory. The 7th grade continued their dominant defense against Ensworth. Holding them to 16 points, the Big Red cruised past Ensworth with a final score of 37-16. Next, MBA took on Christ Presbyterian Academy. The Big Red posted 54 in the 54-17 romp. The 7th grade had a challenge on their hands when they played at Brentwood Academy. The Big Red kept their focus however, and took a 2-0 season series in a 46-39 victory. MBA then faced Blackman Middle School. The Big Red barely pulled out a well-deserved win against a tough team.

The 7th grade finished the year on back-to-back games against Battle Ground Academy and Franklin Road Academy. The Big Red took two well-



Carter Lovvorn

deserved victories and ended the season on a high note. Thank you to Coach Jacques, Coach Moran, and Coach Pierce for an excellent job coaching another successful year for the Big Red.

*Photos Courtesy of
Mrs. Suzanne Lovvorn*

BASKETBALL

Eighth-Grade Basketball's Season Reveals Terrific Chemistry

By Owen Powell

The 8th grade basketball team was led by veteran head coach Scott “hard in the paint” Pettus, and assistant coaches Mike “Big Daddy” Davidson and Joe “alliisonn” Davis. The season started well with a period of perfection beating rival BA, CPA, and Lipscomb. Our last game in 2010 was a tough loss to BGA which led to a winning drought. After losing several players for different reasons, we lost some chemistry that was hard to recover. The team had two main goals: 1. Win the Overbrook Classic (Yes) and win the HVAC (Nah). The Big Red was eliminated in the HVAC tourney by BGA, the only team that the team was unable to conquer. Big Men Braxton “waka” Blackwell and Rahn “foul?!” Bailey played exceptionally, and our guards Austin Rolfe, Gregory Quesinbury, Derrick Tucker, and Haynes Young led our team. Also Joe “in yo face” McKinney was a top-of-the-line shooter. This season was one of ups and downs but was a fun and exciting season. This team is bound for greatness in high school.



*The 2010-2011 8th-Grade Basketball team
Great season, guys!*

WRESTLING

Microbe Wrestling: An Amazing End to a Fantastic Season!

By William Richardson

After a brilliant beginning to the Microbe Wrestling team's season, the team was ready for competition outside of the HVAC. Coming back from Thanksgiving break, the Big Red prepared for Hendersonville, a team they previously beat in the MBA Middle School Duals. But on December 2, the outcome was different this time as Hendersonville used momentum to their advantage and beat the Big Red, 49-36. Then on that Saturday, December 4, the team traveled to Cleveland, Tennessee to a tough Cleveland Blue Raider Duals tournament, featuring the best teams from Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. The Big Red won its pool after wrestling and defeating Hewitt-Trussville from Alabama, Ocoee, Lafayette from Georgia, and Lake Forest. MBA knew they faced a tough home team, Cleveland Middle, for the Championship. The Big Red started out tremendously with several early pins and a quick 24-12 lead. With a momentum change from opposing pins, the Big Red lost the lead and eventually the championship, 60-30. Jake Keen and William Richardson went undefeated (5-0) in this tournament. This was a success in the minds of the microbe team. A high



Derrick Tusie executes a reverse half for a pin.

finish at such a tough tournament was just what the team needed going into the Winter Break. The team went back to practice on the 27th, anticipating tough matches on the 31st against Baylor and McCallie. These two teams have a long, illustrious wrestling tradition, both winning several state titles. When these two teams wrestled the microbes, they were outmatched mentally and physically as the Big Red recorded two fantastic victories over two top opponents. This was also the first time any wrestling team from MBA has ever beaten McCallie and Baylor in the same year. Having fully recovered from the rough start at Hendersonville, the second half of the season was looking as fantastic as the first. The next test for the Big Red came in Chattanooga at the Tornado Duals at McCallie. There were 3 pools at the tournament, and the winner of each pool went into a round-robin for the championship. The Big Red defeated several tough teams in their pool-Baylor (again), Maryville, and Soddy Daisy. The Microbes then moved on to wrestle Nashville Catholic in the first round of the championships. They put up a good fight against a team that had previously beaten the Big Red twice. The final score was much closer than the previous scores. MBA was next scheduled to wrestle Pope out of

Georgia after a bye. Pope was a very good team, and MBA won a few matches that were major confidence boosters for the team, but Pope came out on

top. The Big Red

placed 3rd overall in the tournament. The last matches of the year occurred at the Grand Championships. The Big Red was placed in a tough bracket, but made it through to the semifinals. MBA began the day with a revenge match on Hendersonville in the first round. The Big Red wrestled very well and came out with a solid win. The next victims of the Microbe team were Mount Juliet and Copperhead Wrestling, and both victories put MBA through to the semifinals against West Wilson. The match was close, but West Wilson prevailed after gaining momentum. The Big Red lost their opportunity to finally beat Nashville Catholic, but had a chance to place 3rd against Copperhead. MBA won the match and closed out the year with a 3rd place finish. The pizza party/awards ceremony closed the season in the cafeteria. The awards given were Rookies of the Year: TJ Jefferson and James Throckmorton; Leadership: Sam Bellet; Most Improved: Ben Kelly and Jake Keen; Coaches' Awards: Mike Lacey and Jack Goodrum; Hardest Worker: John Tipps; and Best Wrestlers: Chip Brothers (lower weight) and William Richardson (upper weight). Thanks to Coaches Shone, Swett, and McMurray for an awesome season.

WRESTLING



Mike Lacey tightens a headlock on his opponent.



Chip Brothers arches into his opponent for a pin.



Mark Floyd defends a shot against his opponent.



Coaches Shone and McMurray



Blake Solarek steps into a bear hug to win in mere seconds.

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Mr. Scott Richardson*

We are Marshall!

By Anthony Swenson and
Richard Scherrer

Marshall Billingsley is a seventeen-year-old senior at Father Ryan. Recently, Marshall was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, an extremely rare bone cancer. It started in his lower torso and worked its way up to the bottom of his lung. He goes into chemotherapy a few times a month. Recently his hip bone was amputated, as well as part of his lung. His favorite saint is Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Even if you are not Christian, please pray to this saint for a quick, miraculous

healing. Marshall has had a great deal of help along the way, as there have been many fundraisers for Marshall as he fights cancer. An anonymous donor paid for his senior year at Father Ryan. Bruegger's Bagels, where he worked before he was diagnosed, has had a fund raiser to support him and his family. The wrestling clinic at MBA, led by Coach Simpson, a family friend, has had a



The MBA Wrestling Clinic benefiting Marshall Billingsley fund raiser as well. "We are Marshall" bracelets are on sale for \$5. Please keep Marshall Billingsley and his family in your prayers and thoughts.

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